

26 BILLIONS IN U. S. SAVINGS BANKS

Prosperity Likely To Continue; No Trace of Slump

By JOHN COLLINS

As the end of the year approaches, it becomes more and more evident that the general run of people in this country are "sitting pretty." Figures now forthcoming from the banks show that savings deposits will run close to \$26,000,000,000.

In addition, the number of corporation stockholders has jumped to about 15,000,000. Fifteen years ago the total was about half that number.

Meanwhile, the people in this country have been good spenders. The standard of living here now is the highest in history. Extension of labor-saving devices for the home, the radio, the automobile and other things, which a few years ago were considered out of the question for the average man, has been widespread.

A surprising fact is that there is no evidence of a drastic slump in the offing such as afflicted industry and commerce here, periodically, before the war.

As pointed out by Secretary Hoover in his annual report a few days ago, the elimination of industrial waste and a better balancing of the factors of labor and capital in production and distribution have tended greatly to keep prosperity at its present high level.

The Federal Reserve system, expanding and contracting credit to meet the business requirements of the moment, has been a powerful agency in smoothing out the high peaks and deep valleys of employment and unemployment.

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Prev. Close.	Stock.	Open	2:30 Chg.	Net Chg.
8	Ajax Rub.	8		
142 1/2	Al Chem	143	141 1/2	-1 1/2
52 1/2	Am Can.	52 1/2	53	+
109 1/2	Am Loco	109	109	- 1/2
134 1/2	Am Smelt	134 1/2	136 1/2	+1 1/2
32 1/2	Am Wool	32 1/2	33 1/2	+1
47 1/2	Anaconda	47 1/2	47 1/2	
156 1/2	Atchison	156 1/2	157 1/2	+
160 1/2	Baldwin	157 1/2	159 1/2	-1 1/2
106 1/2	B & O	106	106	- 1/2
71 1/2	B M T	72 1/2	72	- 1/2
37 1/2	Chrysler	37 1/2	38 1/2	+
110 1/2	Con Gas	111 1/2	110 1/2	
68 1/2	C R I & P	68 1/2	68 1/2	
160 1/2	Ches & O	161 1/2	163 1/2	+3
164	Du Pont	164 1/2	164	
38 1/2	Erie	39	40	+1 1/2
116 1/2	Fam Play	116 1/2	116	- 1/2
49 1/2	Fleischm'n	50 1/2	49 1/2	- 1/2
34 1/2	Free Tex.	34 1/2	35 1/2	+1 1/2
87 1/2	Gen Elec	86 1/2	86 1/2	- 1/2
140 1/2	Gen Mot.	141 1/2	142 1/2	+2
46 1/2	Hudson	47 1/2	47 1/2	- 1/2
43 1/2	In C Eng	43 1/2	43 1/2	- 1/2
39	In Nickel	38 1/2	38 1/2	- 1/2
16	Jor Mot.	16 1/2	17 1/2	+1 1/2
63 1/2	Kenn Cop	62	61 1/2	-1 1/2
55 1/2	Kresge	55 1/2	55 1/2	- 1/2
21 1/2	Lago	21 1/2	21 1/2	- 1/2
56 1/2	Marl Oil	56 1/2	56 1/2	- 1/2
21 1/2	N Y Can.	21 1/2	22 1/2	+
134 1/2	N Y Cent	134 1/2	134 1/2	
42 1/2	NYNH&H	42 1/2	42 1/2	- 1/2
63 1/2	P A Pet B	63 1/2	64 1/2	+
23 1/2	Pierce Ar.	23 1/2	23 1/2	- 1/2
57 1/2	Radio Cor.	57 1/2	57 1/2	- 1/2
102 1/2	St L S F.	102 1/2	102 1/2	- 1/2
55	Studebaker	55 1/2	55	- 1/2
50 1/2	Tex G Sul	50 1/2	50 1/2	- 1/2
82 1/2	U S In Alc	82 1/2	82	- 1/2
149 1/2	U S Steel	149 1/2	150	+
42 1/2	War Pic.	42 1/2	42 1/2	- 1/2
21 1/2	Willys Ov.	21 1/2	21 1/2	- 1/2
191	Woolworth	191 1/2	193 1/2	+2 1/2

*Ex-dividend.

Wall Street Says:

"The outstanding short interest is considerable at present and we believe that the technical position of the market is improved and that several special issues will increase in value."—Hirsch, Lillenthal & Co.

"Oil stocks are coming prominently into notice as the time approaches for reports on 1926 earnings."—Noyes & Jackson.

Simpson Lashes Mrs. Hall

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husband's body swiftly moved to him? Not her!

"The next day, the Sunday he used to preach: 'I am the Resurrection and the Life' did she go near him? Not her!

"On Monday, she had the body carried into the church, without even honorary pallbearers. Mutes, paid mutes, carried him in!

"And this was the man who filled her whole life!

"Then she fired Bill Florence, one of the best lawyers in Jersey, and brought in Pfeiffer, a New York homicide expert.

Homicide Expert

"Then Pfeiffer brought in Di Martini, of the New York Homicide squad! Di Martini, the fixer—Di Martini, a liar by the clock!"

"Pfeiffer hasn't presented a fact in this trial. He said on the stand he had come closer to solving the murder than I have. Why doesn't he prove it?

"Mrs. Hall gave Di Martini \$5,000. I don't know what she has paid brother Pfeiffer, but enough. I hope—because he had done very good work, in his way.

Sit Unmoved

Throughout Simpson's summation Mrs. Hall and her brothers gave no sign that the lashes of the little prosecutor affected them in any way. When Simpson made any reference to Willie, however, either his sister or Attorney Pfeiffer immediately prevented the eccentric fellow from hearing by engaging him in animated conversation.

"Now, we come to the fingerprints. They say it is a forged print. How could it be? We had the card before Willie's prints had been made at the time of his arrest.

Henry's Story

"Henry Stevens says he was in Lavallette. That is two hours away. If he was, he could not have been in on the murder. But was he?

"Applegate, Henry's witness, says he doesn't know what night the big bluefish was caught—it might have been a Friday.

"Mehlinger, another witness, swears positively it was caught Friday night.

"So the date the big fish was

caught was altered in the diary.

"Mr. McCarter said in his summation: 'Liars should first consult their diaries'.

"That was a gem!

Willie's Mind

"My handwriting experts and theirs testified that this was a 'cooked' entry, noted later. Does an innocent man do that?

"Willie Stevens was taught a story. I think he believes that story now.

"Willie has a child's mind. I am not criticizing him. He can't help it.

"Now, Mrs. Gibson, Senator Case says, is a terrible woman.

"The defense brings in Mrs. Gibson's mother, an old woman. Talk about a nasty case! They put her where she can see her daughter. 'The defense has this old woman primed to shout out, 'You're a liar,' and break up the session.

Praises Mrs. Gibson

"We put Lieut. Cieciuch beside her so that if she started that her hat would go down over her face and she would not interrupt the proceedings.

"But the poor old woman lost her cue. The thing was a flop.

"Now, Mrs. Gibson has not the liveried footmen and servants of Mrs. Hall, but she is a hard working, honest woman. I think she is a fine character.

"She said she followed thieves up the lane that night. Is that unusual? She didn't say she was taking tea with Gen. McCarter; she didn't say she was walking with him through the woods. She didn't say she was out picking flowers with Case."

Case charged yesterday that it would have been impossible for Mrs. Gibson to have seen Mrs. Hall and Willie in the headlight rays as she testified because the "big woman" would have been blinded by the glare. Simpson pointed out that Mrs. Gibson would have been above the glare when sitting on her mule.

"She heard voices mumbling. She heard a woman say, 'Explain these letters.'

"She saw people struggling. She heard shots. She went home.

"When the bodies were found,

Hall and Mrs. Mills were laid out.

"Mrs. Gibson saw Mrs. Hall fixing her husband's clothing. She was a woman. Her fury was gone; the debt was paid.

"Have you been observing this woman? Have you seen her bat an eye, or blink an eyelash?

"When McCarter was crying over his father, who died thirty years ago, when Case was tearing passion to tatters, did she bat an eye?

"A good woman—yes. Lucretia Borgia and Bloody Mary; they, too, were good women."

Simpson's voice was low and hard as he scoured the gray-haired widow. Under his accusations, Mrs. Hall's sphinx-like features did not change.

"They attacked the state for putting on Caprio. As soon as I learned his prison record, I took him off; I didn't try to put in the razor."

Frank Caprio is the private detective who said the razor which slashed Mrs. Mills' throat was given him by Prosecutor Beekman.

"Now, if you feel like acquitting these people, why don't you put in a little rider to your verdict, finding Mrs. Gibson guilty of these murders, or perhaps Jennie, the mule?"

"Munificent New Brunswick offered \$1,000 for solution of a murder that shocked the civilized world.

"Beautiful New Brunswick, on the banks of the muddy Raritan—as muddily as the administration of justice in 1922.

"Case has asked you 'Let's have a clean-up; let's finish this once for all.'

"Don't you believe it! There will be at least five more trials out of this thing, and if Somerset county has to pay, it is its own fault!"

Simpson referred to separate trials for Mrs. Hall and her brothers on the Dr. Hall indictment and Henry Carpenter on both indictments.

"What kind of people did the defense bring against Mrs. Gibson? George Siepel, asking for money.

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"Then we have a letter from Siepel to Mrs. Hall, telling her that if the wrong parties get hold of certain information, it will mean a new investigation. In the same letter Siepel tells of a man in New Brunswick, who said he had seen Henry Stevens there the murder night.

"Why didn't Mrs. Hall have Di Martini turn that man over to the authorities?

"We expected that Mr. Soper would identify Mrs. Hall and Willie; but he didn't. Then we produced a man to whom Soper told the story.

"Why, you should have put a red flag on that figure of Justice you have up over your court house.

"Now, that is the case as I see it. You have to defend the administration of justice in a murder committed four years ago.

"We are not pleading for a verdict; we are not 'smoothing' for one. Just go ahead; consider the facts, and do as you please."

The little prosecutor leaned back against the witness stand, closed his eyes and recited, he plained, from an old Greek drama by Euripides:—

"Thou deep base of the world and Thou high throne above the world.

"Where ere thou art, unknown and hard of surmise

"Chain of things that be, or reason of our reason

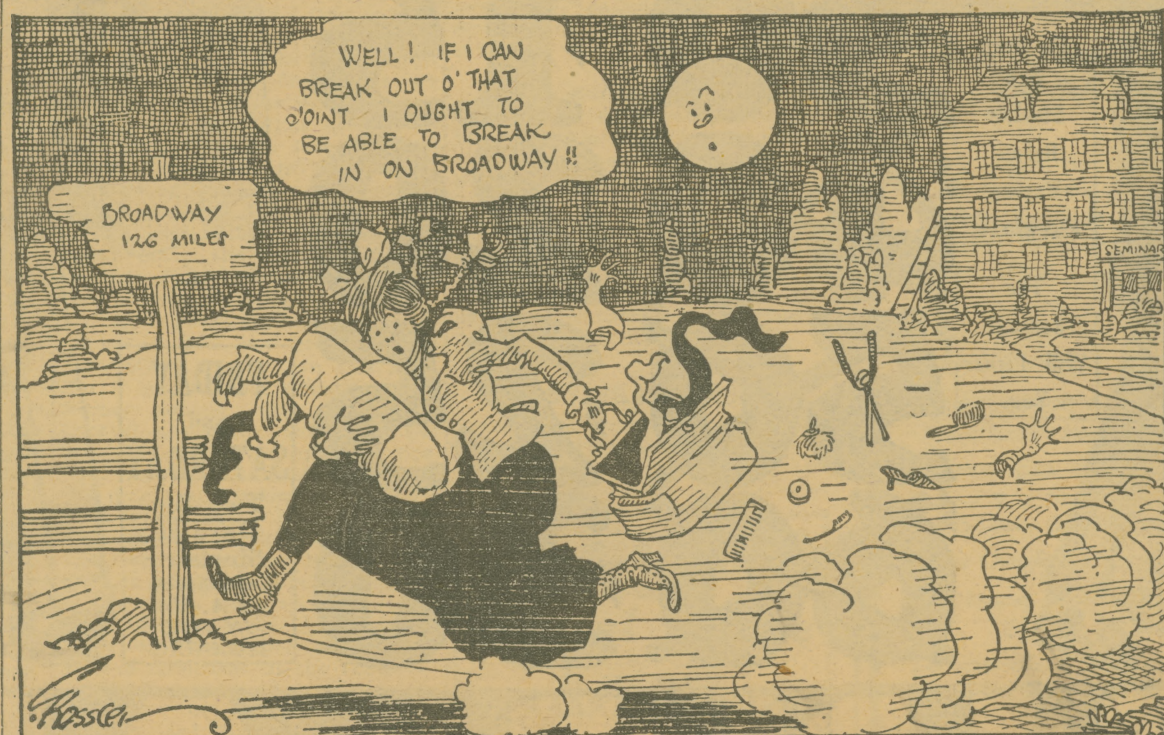
"God, to Thee I lift my praise.

"Seeing the silent road that bringeth justice ere the end be trod."

Then he turned and walked away from the jury box. The state's summation was ended.

MAKING THE GRADE—

By Kessler



ANNE NICHOLS, THE AUTHOR OF "ADIE'S IRISH ROSE," RAN AWAY FROM A GIRLS SEMINARY IN OGONTZ, PA. WHEN SHE WAS SIXTEEN TO LOOK FOR A JOB IN THE CHORUS.